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## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 8 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2009 totaled 18.3 million pounds, down 8 percent from August of last year. August production was down 9 percent from July 2009 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2009 period totaled 152.4 million pounds, up 1 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in August, down slightly from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2008. Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 4 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.6 million pounds, 6 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,700 head, down 3 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, up 1 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 268 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,900 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago. January to August 2009 commercial red meat production was 32.5 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

## Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009	August 2009 As Percent of <sup>2/</sup>	
				August 2008	July 2009
California	133.2	144.6	137.4	103	95
Colorado	180.7	178.8	176.8	98	99
Idaho	20.0	20.1	18.3	92	91
Illinois	236.4	223.0	236.1	100	106
Iowa	558.3	565.9	586.1	105	104
Kansas	467.0	476.2	450.6	96	95
Minnesota	206.3	215.2	212.4	103	99
Montana	1.3	1.3	1.4	104	107
Nebraska	624.9	624.9	593.6	95	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	109	108
Oklahoma	82.6	93.8	89.6	109	96
Oregon	4.8	4.8	4.9	102	104
South Dakota	73.7	59.2	75.4	102	127
Texas	441.6	442.2	430.7	98	97
Utah	46.8	35.0	36.1	77	103
Washington	66.8	73.9	66.6	100	90
Wyoming	0.9	0.6	0.9	99	155
United States	4,095.2	*4,123.5	4,076.6	100	99

\*Revised. 1/Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

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## Idaho's 2008 Potato Crop Valued at \$833 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2008 potato crop was a record \$833 million, exceeding 1995's \$822 million and \$33.2 million above 2007's value of \$800 million. The market year average price received by growers was also a record, at \$7.15 per cwt, above 1989's \$7.10 per cwt and the 2007 level of \$6.15 per cwt. Idaho's growers sold 108 million cwt from their 2008 crop while using 908,000 cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 7.15 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 30.7 million cwt of the 2008 crop, down 3 percent from the 2007 crop, and processing accounted for 68.2 million cwt, down 13 percent from the 2007 crop. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 77.3 million cwt of 2008 crop potatoes compared to 88.0 million cwt used in 2007. Of the total processed, 68.2 million cwt were Idaho potatoes. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 58.5 percent of Idaho's production compared to 60.3 percent of the 2007 crop. Idaho's 2008 production of 116 million cwt accounted for 31 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 379 million cwt. The Pacific

Northwest; Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, collectively, totaled 228 million cwt or 60 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

For the United States, the value of all potatoes produced from the 2008 crop is estimated at \$3.77 billion, up 13 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$8.42 per cwt, is up \$0.91 from 2007. Sales from the 2008 potato crop totaled 384 million cwt, down 7 percent from 2007. Processors used 253 million cwt of raw potatoes from the 2008 crop, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Table stock sales totaled 109 million cwt, 1 percent below the previous year. Seed sales of 20.9 million cwt are down 6 percent from 2007. Sales for livestock feed, at 803,000 cwt, decreased 31 percent from a year earlier. Shrinkage and loss are estimated at 26.4 million cwt for 2008, down 11 percent from 2007. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown and home use totaled 823,000 cwt, 26 percent below the previous season. Growers kept 3.32 million cwt for seed on their own farms, 11 percent higher than a year earlier.

## Idaho Milk Production Down 2.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2009 totaled 1.06 billion pounds, a 2.7 percent decrease from the same month last year, but up slightly from July 2009. July 2009 milk production was revised to 1.06 billion pounds, up 10 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in August 2009 was 1,940 pounds, down 30 pounds from August 2008. The average number of milk cows during August was 548,000 head, down 2,000 head from the revised July 2009 and down 7,000 head from August 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2008. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down slightly from July 2008. The July revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for August, 25 pounds above August 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 143,000 head less than August 2008, and 28,000 head less than July 2009.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	185	171	1,755	1,760	325	301	-7.4
California	1,846	1,782	1,840	1,820	3,397	3,243	-4.5
Colorado	130	123	1,930	1,980	251	244	-2.8
Florida	120	114	1,240	1,320	149	150	0.7
Idaho	555	548	1,970	1,940	1,093	1,063	-2.7
Illinois	102	102	1,455	1,530	148	156	5.4
Indiana	166	167	1,605	1,670	266	279	4.9
Iowa	215	215	1,660	1,700	357	366	2.5
Kansas	117	116	1,710	1,725	200	200	
Michigan	352	357	1,860	1,920	655	685	4.6
Minnesota	465	469	1,565	1,620	728	760	4.4
Missouri	112	106	1,110	1,180	124	125	0.8
New Mexico	337	320	1,920	2,000	647	640	-1.1
New York	626	618	1,690	1,715	1,058	1,060	0.2
Ohio	280	278	1,520	1,570	426	436	2.3
Oregon	115	114	1,645	1,665	189	190	0.5
Pennsylvania	548	545	1,590	1,610	871	877	0.7
Texas	425	420	1,605	1,680	682	706	3.5
Utah	85	83	1,810	1,835	154	152	-1.3
Vermont	140	135	1,535	1,520	215	205	-4.7
Virginia	97	96	1,410	1,460	137	140	2.2
Washington	245	236	1,990	2,005	488	473	-3.1
Wisconsin	1,252	1,257	1,650	1,705	2,066	2,143	3.7
23 State Total	8,515	8,372	1,718	1,743	14,626	14,594	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Idaho Cattle On Feed Up 8 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2009 totaled 195,000 head. The cattle on feed inventory was unchanged from August 1, 2009, but up 8 percent from September 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in feedlots in Idaho with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 42,000 head, down 3,000 head from August 2008 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during August totaled 40,000 head, down 4,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 during August 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.88 million head on September 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.11 million, 2 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 515,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 775,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.81 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during August, 12 percent above 2008.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>

State	September 1, 2008	August 1, 2009	September 1, 2009		
			Number	As % of 2008	As % of August
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	362	275	275	76	100
California	505	450	455	90	101
Colorado	770	850	860	112	101
Idaho	180	195	195	108	100
Iowa	470	510	510	109	100
Kansas	2,090	1,920	2,050	98	107
Nebraska	1,960	1,920	2,020	103	105
Oklahoma	305	310	325	107	105
South Dakota	165	190	185	112	97
Texas	2,580	2,510	2,510	97	100
Washington	138	138	140	101	101
Other States	305	369	357	( X )	97
United States	9,997	*9,637	9,882	99	103

\*Revised. <sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

## Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2009 totaled 903 million pounds, down 7 percent from July 31, 2009, but up 2 percent from August 31, 2008. Other frozen potatoes, at 207 million pounds, decreased 3 percent from the previous month's stocks and decreased 16 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2009 totaled 263 million pounds, up slightly from the end of the previous month and up 23 percent from August 31, 2008. Stocks of American cheese totaled 622 million pounds, down 1 percent from July 31, 2009, but up 9 percent from August 31, 2008.

Commodity	Aug 31, 2008	Jul 31, 2009	Aug 31, 2009	2009 2008
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	881,540	973,797	903,197	102
Other Frozen	245,170	213,733	206,869	84
TOTAL	1,126,710	1,187,530	1,110,066	99
DAIRY:				
Butter	213,744	262,782	263,173	123
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	567,661	628,390	621,543	109

## September 1 Hop Stocks Up 38 Percent From Last Year

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2009, totaled 65.0 million pounds, a 38 percent increase from September 1, 2008 stocks. This is the highest inventory reported as of September 1 since 2003, when stocks were 69.0 million pounds.

Stocks held by brewers, at 40.0 million pounds, were up 38 percent from a year ago. Stocks held by dealers and growers on September 1, 2009, were 25.0 million pounds, up 39 percent from the stocks on hand last year.

